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a latch attached to said U-head plate, said latch having a tongue for engaging the notch in the base plate of the shoring apparatus upon capture of the base plate of the shoring apparatus within said channel; and  
the latch providing for hand releasable attachment and removal of the U-head plate from the base plate.

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8. (amended) A U-head assembly for rapid and secure attachment to a notched base plate of shoring apparatus, said assembly comprising:

a U-head plate having a first wall and a second wall with a base therebetween, and first and second L-shaped inwardly opposing extensions extending downwardly from said base thereby forming a channel for capturing the base plate of the shoring apparatus;

a latch attached to one of said extensions of said U-head plate, said latch having a tongue for engaging the notch of the base plate through a hole in one of said extensions upon capture of the base plate of the shoring apparatus within said channel,

wherein said latch further comprises a spring biasing said tongue toward the notch of the base plate of the shoring apparatus and compression of said spring disengages said tongue from the notch of the base plate of the shoring apparatus;

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the latch providing for hand releasable attachment and removal of the U-head plate from the base plate.